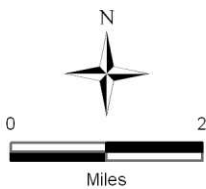
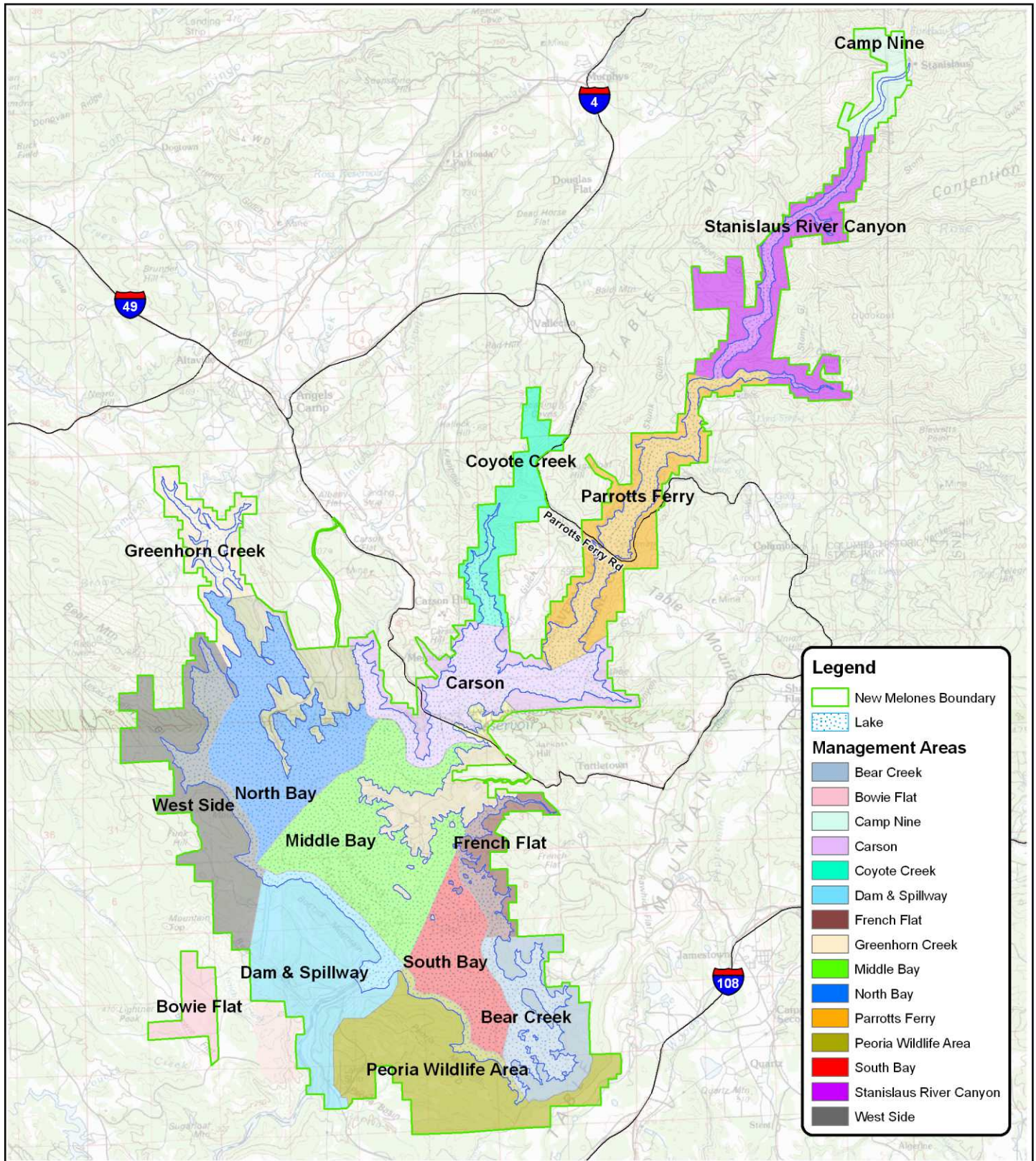


Rural Natural Management Areas



New Melones Lake Area, California
Central California Area Office

Rural Natural Management Areas Constraints

The Water Recreation Opportunity Spectrum (WROS) identified ten planning areas at New Melones, and each share several *constraints*:

- Steep terrain that limits opportunities for recreation access or development
- No drinking water, limited sanitation facilities, and no electricity
- Legal requirements to protect natural and cultural resources
- Limited authority to develop new facilities

In addition to these overall constraints, the following specific constraints apply to the associated management area.

Camp Nine Area

- Adjacent land use – Examples: Presence of two hydroelectric facilities
- Highly impacted by hydrologic changes from lake elevation changes and hydroelectric operations
- Remote – 1 hour from Reclamation's Administrative Office and 3 miles from paved road
- One access road

Stanislaus River Canyon Area

- No access via a public road
- Legal requirements to protect cave resources

Bear Creek, Carson, Coyote Creek, French Flat, Greenhorn Creek, and Parrotts Ferry Areas

- No vehicle access via a public road

Peoria Wildlife Area (Including Table Mountain)

- No vehicle access via a public road
- Mitigation requirements for protection of sensitive habitats and species

New Melones Dam and Spillway Planning Area

- Critical infrastructure requirements

Westside and Bowie Flat Planning Area

- No vehicle access via a public road
- Very remote– more than 1 hour from Reclamation's Administration Office

Possible Management Needs and/or Opportunities: Rural Natural Management Areas

All Rural Natural Management Areas

1. Address illegal activities through increased law enforcement presence, signage, and education.
2. Update facilities to comply with guidelines for universal access by the Americans with Disabilities Act.
3. Prepare and implement a Trails Management Plan that optimizes the connectivity and multiple uses of trails and includes universal access compliant trail.
4. To protect health and safety, develop and implement a strategy for managing hunting as visitation and urban development increase.
5. Update facilities such as parking and sanitation facilities which, among other standards, need to provide for health and safety, universal access, and water quality.
6. Continue to minimize impacts to high-value natural and cultural resources by maintaining appropriate levels and types of dispersed visitor use.

Bear Creek and French Flat Management Area

1. Coordinate with Bureau of Land Management on management of appropriate dispersed recreational use such as equestrian staging at French Flat.
2. Coordinate with the county, local landowners, and other partners to construct the proposed New Melones Trail System.
3. Assess feasibility of future additional recreational facilities at Bear Creek if an appropriate managing partner can be identified.

Note: Only the management needs and opportunities for 'All Rural Natural Management Areas' are being proposed for **Carson Creek Management Area**.

Camp Nine and Stanislaus River Canyon Management Area

1. Update recreational river access to modern standards which includes universal access where feasible.
2. Where appropriate, maintain Camp Nine Road for safe vehicle access and egress from Camp Nine Management Area.
3. Where appropriate, maintain and establish partnerships with public and private entities to effectively manage Camp Nine Road and the Camp Nine Management Area.
4. Improve emergency communications.
5. Designate the Camp Nine Area and the Stanislaus River Canyon Area as a 'no wake' zone for resource protection and public health and safety.
6. Manage access to caves in the Camp Nine Area and the Stanislaus River Canyon Area to comply with Federal law and meet health and safety requirements.

<u>Coyote Creek Management Area</u>
1. Where appropriate, maintain the Natural Bridges access road for safe vehicle access and egress onto Parrotts Ferry Road.
2. Update parking and access road to meet modern standards which, among other requirements, need to provide for universal access and public health and safety.
<u>Greenhorn Creek Management Area</u>
1. Designate the areas of Angels Creek and Vonich Gulch as a 'no wake' zone for resource protection and public health and safety.
2. Access ways to reduce congestion at the Glory Hole parking lot.
<u>Parrotts Ferry Management Area</u>
1. Provide safe lake access in conjunction with an appropriate law enforcement presence, signage, and education.
2. Investigate potential improvement of an informal swimming area for safe recreational use.
3. Where appropriate, maintain the Parrotts Ferry access road for safe vehicle access and egress onto Parrotts Ferry Road.
4. Update parking and access road to meet modern standards which, among other requirements, need to provide for universal access and public health and safety.
<u>Peoria Wildlife Management Area (including Table Mountain)</u>
1. Manage rock climbing use in accordance with Federal regulations on natural and cultural resources.
2. To fulfill mitigation requirements, better document, conserve, and enhance habitat for fish and wildlife resources.
3. Promote wildlife viewing and appropriate dispersed recreation.
4. Consider seasonal use restrictions to avoid impacts to sensitive habitats and species. Example: Restrict recreational uses during breeding periods for raptors and/or bats.
5. Encourage recreational user groups to assist Reclamation with the stewardship and management of the area.
6. Investigate the potential to designate specific areas for invasive weed management, hunting, and horseback riding.
7. Relocate equestrian staging area and associated minimum basic facilities to a more appropriate location that allows day-use and possible overnight use by permit.
8. Update and modernize the basic minimum facilities at the trail head to Table Mountain.
9. Address the public use of flying radio-controlled aircraft through partnership with a non-profit group.

Westside and Bowie Flat Management Area

1. Address trail access for hikers, mountain bikers, and equestrians.
2. Assess feasibility of future additional recreational facilities within Westside and Bowie Flat Management Areas if an appropriate managing partner can be identified.
3. Encourage recreational user groups and neighbors to assist Reclamation with the stewardship and management of the area.
4. Continue to assess how lands contained within the New Melones Lake Area are being effectively utilized for project purposes.

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